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## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Patent Office for a one-month extension of time to and including December 12, 2003 to file a response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated November 19, 2003. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account 01-2384 in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension now requested. If any additional extension fee is required, charge Account No. 01-2384.

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